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Claims 1-54 are pending.

Specification

A revised abstract is included in this response. Please replace the original abstract with the abstract submitted as part of this response. This abstract is less than 150 words. The objection to the abstract is overcome and should be withdrawn, notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 10, 11, 19, 20, 22 and 30 are rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sekine et al. (US 2004/0212904) in view of Florek (US 6,696,776).

The office action states:

Sekine et al. discloses a tubular lens mount (fig 3, 33) having a longitudinal axis and at least a first optical lens element (fig 3, 31) mounted therein along said longitudinal axis, *a tubular focus mount (fig 3, 32)* connected to said tubular lens mount and extending along said longitudinal axis; *a CRT coupler (fig 3, 5) formed integrally with said focus mount*; and a second optical lens element mounted to said CRT coupler (fig 3, 12); a CRT coupler with CRT fastening structure for securing the CRT thereto (fig 3, 5). Sekine et al. does not disclose a CRT coupler with a projection television fastening structure for securing said CRT coupler to the mounting structure with the projection television cabinet. *(emphasis added)*

The Sekine et al., does not show a CRT coupler 5 formed integrally with a tubular focus mount. It appears as though the office action mistakenly refers to item 32 of Sekine et al. as the tubular focus mount. Item 32 is the inner lens-barrel – not the tubular focus mount. The lenses secured to the tubular lens mount are able to be translated relative to the tubular focus mount (and thus the CRT). Applicant respectfully asks for clarification as to which element is being identified as the tubular focus mount by the Examiner.

Regardless of this clarification, none of the figures and description of Sekine show either the outer lens-barrel 33 or the inner lens barrel 32 integrally formed with a CRT coupler. Outer lens barrel 33 is separate from CRT coupler 5, and is attached to CRT coupler 5 by means of leg

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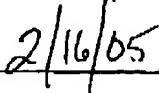
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portions 7 and mount screws 28, which engage screw-receiving holes 25 provided in support tables 24 of outer cylindrical portion 11 of CRT coupler 5 (see, e.g., Sekine Fig. 8). Sekine et al states: "In other words, the outer lens-barrel 33 is not directly secured to the outer cylindrically portion 11 but is secured through the leg portions 7," (see page 3, paragraph [0056]. Leg portions 7 are further separated from support tables 24 of CRT coupler 5 by the interposed C element retaining plate 27.

As stated in MPEP §2143.03 "To establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). Neither Sekine et al. nor Florek disclose a CRT coupler formed integrally with a focus mount. The rejection to independent claims 1 and 19 is improper and should be withdrawn. Reconsideration, allowance and notice to that effect are respectfully requested.

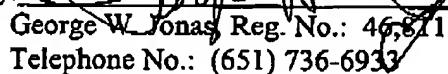
Claims 2-18 and 20-37 depend from independent and allowable claims 1 and 19, respectively and are therefore themselves allowable. Applicant does not concede that Sekine, Florek, or Meglio et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,877,583) disclose the additional elements of claims 2, 3, 10-12, 20, 22, 30, and 31 as argued in the Office Action. However, due to their dependency on an allowable independent claim, any additional rejections are moot. The rejections and objections to claims 2-18 and 20-37 are overcome and should be withdrawn. Reconsideration, allowance, and notice to that effect are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. Allowance of all pending claims is requested.

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